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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hiroyuki SAITO et al.
Title: PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF
BLOOD COAGULATION-RELATED
DISEASES
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 8, 2004, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group II, Claims 9-53, for examination, with traverse. Applicants traverse on the grounds that there is no undue burden to examine all the claims, and the claims possess unity of invention.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R.

§1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Applicants await a first Office Action on the merits of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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